

# ROOM 36 NEWSLETTER

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Weeks of... December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>

## Important News

## Weekly Planner

\*\*\*Please send in a December snack from the approved Allergy Aware snack list. Thanks!\*\*\*

\*If you have not received a note from me about **conferences** by now, please email or call me to set up a time. Thanks!

Gingerbread House-Making Donations are due by December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Don't forget to continue to collect box tops!**

### High Frequency Words

said

\*want

\*good

catch

no

put

**\*also spelling words**

### Spelling Words

Words with sh, th

ship

fish

then

shut

with

rush

shell

shop

trash

thin

**Please see classroom wiki for ways to practice spelling words at home! (Link is below)**



**Wiki:** <http://room36pierce.wikispaces.com/>

**Monday:** 12/2 NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday:** 12/3 Day 6: Phys. Ed.  
**Don't forget your SNEAKERS!**

**Two Hour Late Start**  
**-Gift to the Word present due**

HW: -Frog Folder

-Practice High Frequency & Spelling Words

-Family Times

-Math Homelink 4.4

**Wednesday:** 12/4 Day 1: Library  
**Don't forget your BOOKS!**

HW: -Frog Folder

-Read A Big Fish for Max w/ Bookmark

-Practice High Frequency & Spelling Words

\*Snowball Express 9:00-9:30 (bring money if participating)

**Thursday:** 12/5 Day 2: Computer  
**Don't forget your BOOKS!**

HW: -Frog Folder

-Practice High Frequency & Spelling Words

-Math Homelink 4.6

\*Berenstain Bears Lunch Bunch

**Friday:** 12/6 Day 3: Phys. Ed.  
**Don't forget your SNEAKERS!**

-Frog Folder Due

-December Book Order Due

-Unit 2 Week 1 Spelling & Reading Tests

**Blog:** <http://firstgradefrogs36.blogspot.com/>

# What are we learning?

## Reading Street

### Unit 2 Week 1

**Big Question:** What is a community?

**Weekly Focus Question:** What does a family do together?

**Story:** A Big Fish for Max

**Amazing (vocabulary) Words:** chore, household, cooperation, rule, commute, subway, downtown, display

**Phonics Skill:** consonant digraphs sh & th, vowel sound in ball

**Comprehension Skill:** Sequence

**Comprehension Strategy:** Predict and Set Purpose



**Message From the Librarian:** Your student has home access to Tumblebooks (online collection of animated books) through our Hershey Elementary Library subscription.

**Username:** hershey **and Password:** books

Please enjoy this excellent reading resource with your students.  
Mrs. Kathy Marschka, First Grade Librarian

## Bonus Spelling Words

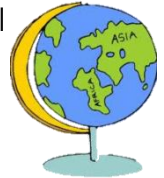
If your child has mastered the weekly spelling words and feel like he/she is up for an extra challenge try these...

wishing shopper  
shark thing weather

## Unit

During the month of December we will travel around the world to learn about different winter holidays! Some of the countries we will visit include Germany, Holland, Italy, Mexico, Sweden, Israel, Africa, and the US.

This week we will introduce the unit by learning about map skills.



## Writing

During the month of December we will be reviewing narrative stories and learning about informational and opinion writing.

## Everyday Math

We actually got ahead before Thanksgiving break and covered Lessons 4.4 and 4.5. We learned about the inch and how to measure using a ruler.

This week we will be learning about...

4.6 Measuring w/ a Tape Measure

4.7 Telling Time to the Quarter Hour

*Please continue to complete the Math Homelinks with your child. If you find that your child is becoming frustrated, just write a note on the homework to let me know! I will work through it him/her the next day. Thanks!*